CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

The Republican Bill Gives More Support to Children and Provides More Tools For Child Support Collection

To give more child support directly to families, States are given incentives to pass-through more support to TANF and former TANF families.

- Families and children will benefit financially:
 - Over 5 years, HHS estimates \$280 million in child support will be passed through to families on TANF.
 - Over 5 years, HHS estimates \$810 million will be distributed to families no longer on the TANF rolls.
- Children will see that their parents support and care for them.

To increase the amount of child support collected, additional enforcement tools will be provided.

- Child support orders will be reviewed and updated every 3 years, resulting in increased collections.
- More passport applications will be denied due to past due child support obligations.
- Additional Federal payments will be offset to collect past due child support.
- Federal income tax refunds could be intercepted to collect past due support for children over age 18.

To help finance provisions increasing child support for families, States will be required to impose a \$25 annual processing fee for child support enforcement cases.

• This fee will only apply to those cases in which a family has never used cash welfare and the State has made a successful child support collection of at least \$500.